

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02656-APM

ALLEN v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/12/2017
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/12/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5244025) filed by MATTHEW ALLEN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover

		Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Atkinson, Katherine) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
12/12/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (md) (Entered: 12/14/2017)
12/15/2017	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 12/15/2017)
12/20/2017	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/29/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/18/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/17/2018. (Atkinson, Katherine) Modified date of service and answer deadline on 1/2/2018 (nmw). (Entered: 12/29/2017)
12/29/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/18/2017. (Atkinson, Katherine) Modified date of service on 1/2/2018 (nmw). (Entered: 12/29/2017)
12/29/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR served on 12/18/2017 (Atkinson, Katherine) Modified date of service on 1/2/2018 (nmw). (Entered: 12/29/2017)
01/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 1/17/2018, (nmw) (Entered: 01/02/2018)
01/16/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.(Taaffe, Damon) Modified to add link on 1/17/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 01/16/2018)
01/17/2018	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before January 31, 2018. See attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/17/2018. (lcapm3) Modified event title on 1/18/2018 (znmw). (zcdw). Modified on 1/19/2018 (zcdw). (Entered: 01/17/2018)
01/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 1/31/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/23/2018)
01/31/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by MATTHEW ALLEN. (Atkinson, Katherine) (Entered: 01/31/2018)
02/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall appear for a Status Hearing in this matter on February 13, 2018, at 10:00 am, in Courtroom 10. Defendant should be prepared to advise the court approximately how many pages of responsive records remain after the "duplication within the records," ECF No. 9, is accounted for. Defendant also shall be prepared to address why 1,000 pages/month is the maximum number of pages it can process. Defendant may submit an affidavit in advance of the hearing addressing both of those issues if it wishes. The court also encourages the parties to meet and confer in advance of the hearing to try to reach agreement on a production schedule. If the parties are unable to do so, the court will set a production schedule at the hearing. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/01/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/01/2018)
02/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Status Conference set for 2/13/2018 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 10 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/04/2018)
02/12/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Filing -- Declaration of Agency FOIA Officer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR re Order,,, (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 02/12/2018)
02/13/2018		Minute Entry; for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference held on 2/13/2018. Parties advised to continue communicating working towards a mutual production schedule. Status Conference set for 4/13/2018 at 10:15 AM in Courtroom 10 before Judge Amit P. Mehta. (Court Reporter William Zaremba) (hs) (Entered: 02/13/2018)

04/03/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sherri L. Morgan on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/13/2018		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Amit P. Mehta: Status Conference held on 4/13/2018. Parties' joint status report due by 6/15/2018. (Court Reporter: William Zaremba) (zcdw) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
06/15/2018	<u>12</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on February 13, 2018; Page Numbers: 1–17. Date of Issuance: June 15, 2018. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354–3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 7/6/2018. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 7/16/2018. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 9/13/2018.(wz) (Entered: 06/15/2018)</p>
06/15/2018	<u>13</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS before Judge Amit P. Mehta held on April 13, 2018; Page Numbers: 1–14. Date of Issuance: June 15, 2018. Court Reporter/Transcriber: William Zaremba; Telephone number: (202) 354–3249. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, PDF or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 7/6/2018. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 7/16/2018. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 9/13/2018.(wz) (Entered: 06/15/2018)</p>
06/15/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a subsequent Joint Status Report describing their progress in resolving this case on or before September 18, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/20/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
06/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/18/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
09/18/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
09/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a subsequent Joint Status Report describing the status of production and proposing a briefing schedule, if necessary, on or before December 19, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/20/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/19/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/21/2018)

12/19/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit a Joint Status Report updating the court on the status of production on the 1st business day of January (excluding January 2019), April, July, and October, until the completion of production. Upon the end of production, within 30 days, the parties shall notify the court whether summary judgment briefing will be required and, if so, identify the areas of dispute and proposing a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/19/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
02/14/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Substituting for attorney Damon Taaffe (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/01/2019)